

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
managing a virtual private network including an extranet switch by
transmitting a script for requesting information describing at least one virtual private network
attribute from multiple extranet switches ~~computers~~ providing at least one virtual private network
function, the script including a script command;
receiving the information;
preparing a report by organizing the received information into a table that lists each of the
multiple extranet switches ~~computers~~ and the corresponding virtual private network attribute
received from each of the multiple extranet switches ~~computers~~; and
displaying the prepared report to a user.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising transmitting a request for the
information.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the virtual private network function
comprises providing at least one tunnel.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the virtual private network function comprises authentication.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the attribute comprises at least one tunneling characteristic.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 5, wherein the tunneling characteristic comprises the tunnel capacity of the extranet switch ~~computer~~.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 5, wherein the tunneling characteristic comprises a number of users using a tunnel provided by the extranet switch ~~a computer~~.

8. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the tunneling characteristic comprises a tunneling protocol.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving a time interval, and wherein the preparing a reports comprises preparing a report based on the received time interval.

10. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

managing a virtual private network including an extranet switch by

transmitting a request for tunneling data to multiple extranet switches ~~computers~~ providing virtual private network tunnels using a script having a script command;

receiving the requested tunneling data from the multiple extranet switches ~~computers~~ in response to the request;

preparing a report based on the received information, the report being organized into a table that lists the different extranet switches ~~computers~~ and their corresponding tunneling data; and

displaying the prepared report to a user.

11. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

managing a virtual private network including an extranet switch by

transmitting a script for requesting information on multiple extranet switches ~~computers~~ providing virtual private network tunnels, the information including a number of tunnels provided by each extranet switch ~~computer~~ and a number of users configured to use the tunnels, the script includes a script command;

receiving the information; and

displaying the received information to a user.

12. (Previously Presented) A method of managing a virtual private network including at least one extranet switch, comprising:

transmitting a script for requesting information describing at least one virtual private network attribute from a selected one of at least one extranet switch providing at least one virtual private network function, the script including a script command;

receiving the information;

providing a menu identifying at least one report capable of preparation;

receiving a selection identifying at least one report;

preparing the selected report including the received information of the selected extranet switch; and

displaying the prepared report to a user.

13. (Currently Amended) A computer program product, disposed on a computer readable medium, for managing a virtual private network using an extranet switch, the computer program including instructions for causing a processor to:

manage a virtual private network including an extranet switch, including instructions to:

transmit a script for requesting information describing at least one virtual private network attribute from multiple extranet switches ~~computers~~ providing at least one virtual private network function, the script including a script command;

receive the information;

prepare a report by organizing the received information into a table that include the at least one virtual private network attribute received from each of the multiple extranet switches ~~computers~~;
and

display the prepared report to a user.

14. (Original) The computer program product of claim 13, further comprising instructions for causing the processor to transmit a request for the information.

15. (Original) The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the virtual private network function comprises providing at least one tunnel.

16. (Original) The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the virtual private network function comprises authentication.

17. (Original) The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the attribute comprises at least one tunneling characteristic.

18. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 17, wherein the tunneling characteristic comprises the tunnel capacity of the extranet switch computer.

19. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 17, wherein the tunneling characteristic comprises a number of users using a tunnel provided by the extranet switch a computer.

20. (Original) The computer program product of claim 17, wherein the tunneling characteristic comprises tunneling protocol.